





Human-in-the-loop Simulation-based Combat Vehicle Duty Cycle Measurement: Duty Cycle Experiment 1 (06S-SIW-080)

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Duty Cycle Experiments

- TARDEC has a Power & Energy program to develop future vehicle power systems.
- Design requires understanding of use.
- To measure use, vehicle must exist.
- Duty cycle experiments use simulation to measure duty cycles of notional vehicles.
- Duty cycle captures:
 - Operator (driver/gunner) use
 - External events





Simulation Objectives

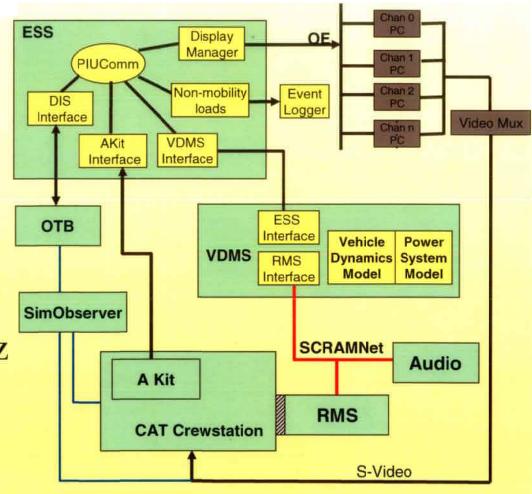
- Create motion based simulation to invoke realistic driving behaviors
- Measure power usage of modeled vehicle during simulated battle
 - Mobility Loads
 - Non-Mobility Loads
- Move towards hardware-in-the-loop experiment





Simulation Design: Top Level

- 6 Major Components
- 12 Computers
- Communications
 - -Ethernet
 - -SCRAMNet
- Performance:
 - -Model update: 500 Hz
 - -System Latency: 247 ms







Simulation Design: RMS

Platform Payload

1,600 lbs.

Platform Diameter

46 inches

Acceleration Bandwidth 40 Hz

Axes Displacement

Linear (vert., lat., long.) ± 20 in. Angular (roll, pitch, yaw) ± 20 °

Axes Velocity

Linear (vert., lat., long.) ± 50 in./s Angular (roll, pitch, yaw) ± 70 °/s

Axes Acceleration

Linear (vert., lat., long.) ± 2 g's
Angular (roll, pitch, yaw) ± 1150 °/s2

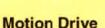
Applications

Man-in-the-loop simulation

Human/Robotic Investigations Crew station design HLA exercises/war-gaming

Crew station and component development

Seat characterization Hardware component testing



Washout Algorithms
Real-time Vehicle Dynamics
Control Loaders
Function Generator
Random Signal Generator

Data Acquisition

Soldier Performance Vehicle Performance HLA Battlefield Scenarios Simulator Performance









Simulation Design: CAT Crewstation

- Research tool for future crewstations
- 3 touch screens
 - −6 virtual displays
- Multi-function
- Soft button + hard button
- Yoke + Pedals
- "Drive" function







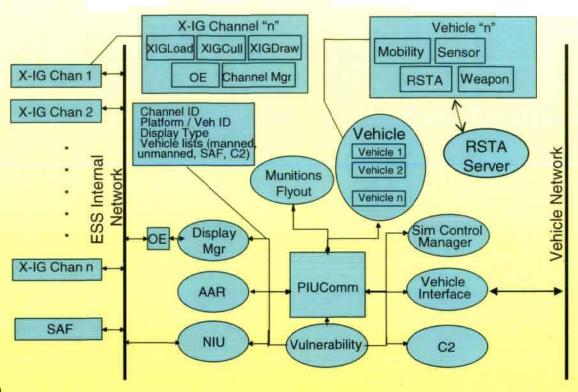






Simulation Design: ESS

- Provided with CAT
 - -Training
 - -Mission Rehearsal
- Used as DCE IG
- Based on open architecture
- Interfaces to OTB
- "Mobility" process replaced with VDMS

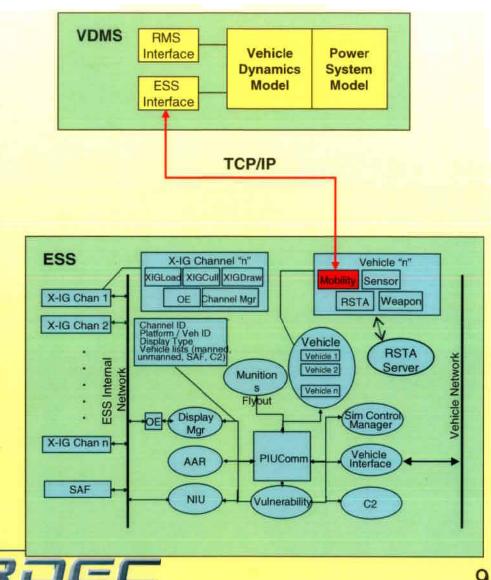






Simulation Design: VDMS

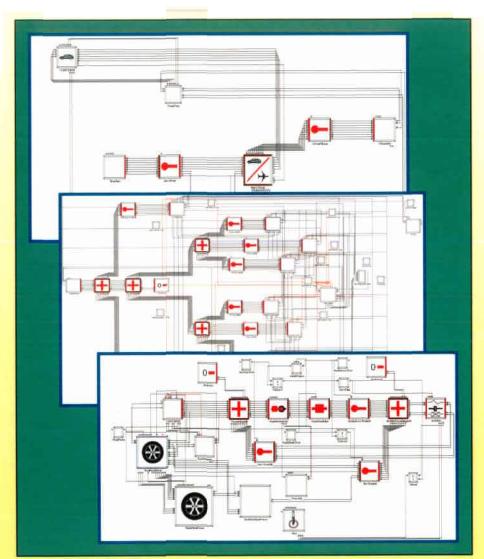
- VDMS is a process:
 - -Real-time Dynamics
 - Power Train
 - Terrain Model
 - Interfaces to external systems.
- Deliver dynamic models in executable form.
- Can be used to simulate unmanned or manned vehicles.





Simulation Design: Vehicle Dynamics

- 24T Tracked Vehicle (MCS)
- Front-drive
- 6 road wheels/side
- SimCreator®'s Multibody Dynamics
- Executes in VDMS
- Interfaces to Power System

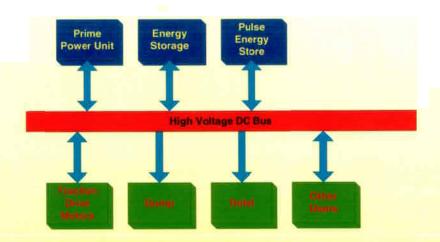


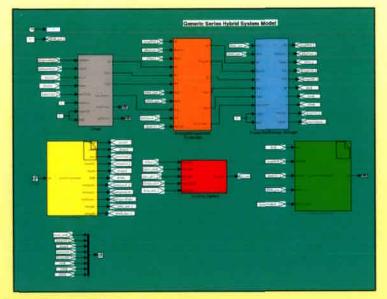




Simulation Design: Power System

- Series Hybrid Power System for MCS
- Independent Left/Right
- Diesel Engine/Generator
- 600 V bus w/Battery
- Two 300kW traction motors.
- Includes thermal model
- Implemented in Simulink w/ Real-time workshop



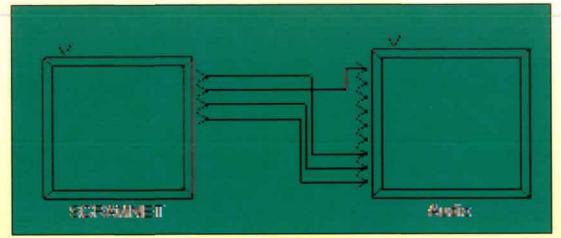






Simulation Design: Audio System

- Internal sounds
 - -Engine
 - -Track
 - Engine RPM &
 vehicle speed change
 sound
- External sounds
 - -Battle noise
 - -Bullet Pings









Experiment Design: Two Experiments

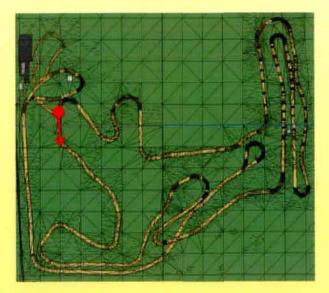
• DCE1

- Formal Study
- Battle scenario
- 9 civilian subjects



• DCE1.1

- Informal follow-on
- Driving scenario
- 7 civilian subjects

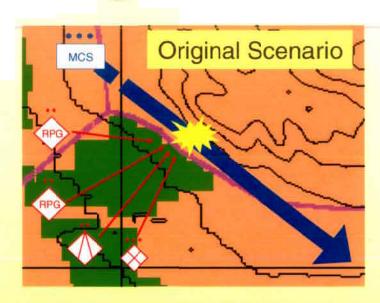


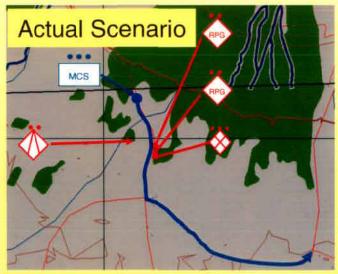




DCE1: Experiment Design

- Assess aggregate power consumption using CASTFOREM
- Extract vignette
 - -9 hours into battle
 - -MCS PLT
 - -Road March (12 km)
 - -Dismount ambush
- Drive + defensive systems



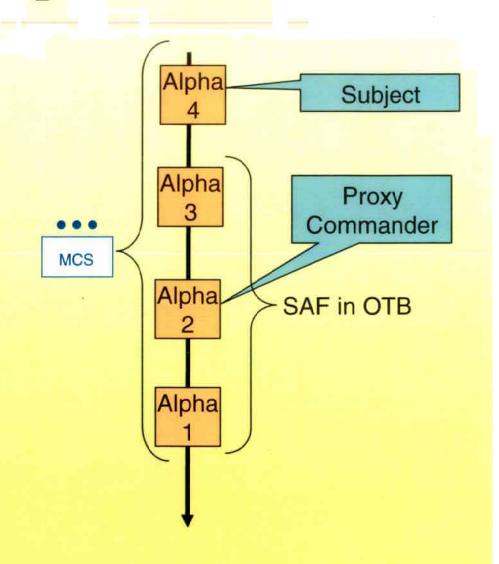






DCE1: OTB Implementation

- Implemented in OTB 2.0
- Blue forces:
 - -3 SAF M1
 - "Alpha 1" "Alpha 3"
 - -1 Virtual MCS
 - "Alpha 4"
- Red forces
 - -RPG
 - -ATGM



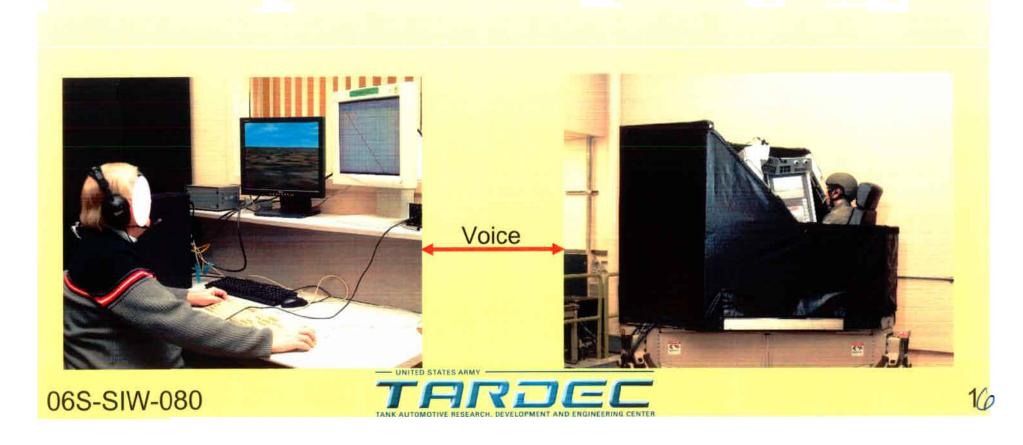




DCE1: Proxy Commander

- Serve as PLT leader
- Give direction
- Maintain "chatter"

- •Give mission briefing
- Monitors OTB



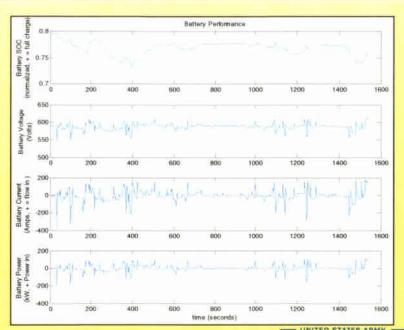


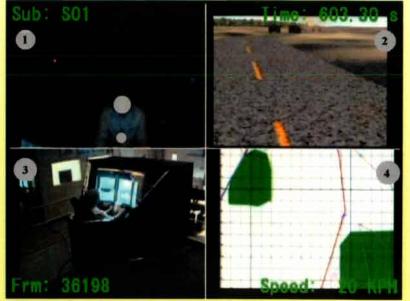
DCE1: Data Acquisition

- 57 channels of data at 100 Hz
 - 31 vehicle dynamics
 - 26 power system

- Video of experiment
- Events
 - hit,
 - transmission

PDU log



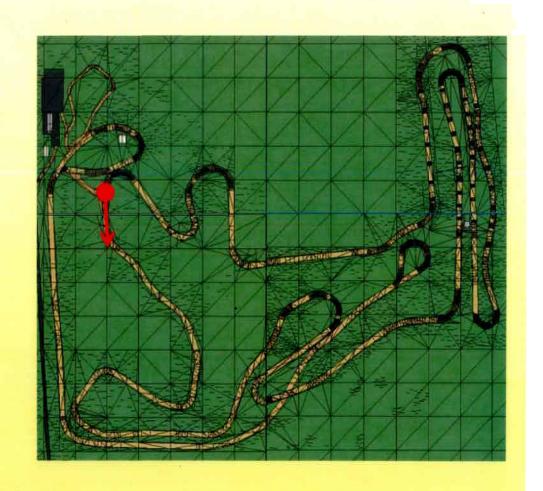






DCE1.1: Experiment Design

- Drive one lap on hilly Army proving ground course.
- Record driver commands, speed, location.
- Seven subjects drawn from experimenters







DCE1: Subject Handling

- Affidavits and questionnaires
 - -Consent form
 - -Simulation Sickness Questionnaire (1 of 3)
 - -Demographics Questionnaire
- Mission Briefing
- Practice drive
- Simulation Sickness Questionnaire (2 of 3)
- Conduct experiment
- Simulation Sickness Questionnaire (3 of 3)
- Exit Interview

~ 2 hours





DCE1 Results: Demographics

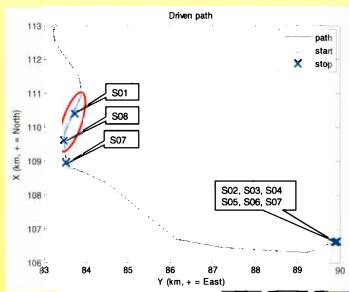
- 9 Subjects (7 male, 2 female)
 - Age 29 \pm 2.2 years
 - Education: $4.7 \text{ years} \pm 0.3 \text{ yrs post HS}.$
 - Driving exp: 13 ± 2.4 yrs.
 - Military vehicle exp: 5 subjects
 - None with tracked vehicle exp
 - Computer use: $46 \pm 7 \text{ hrs/wk}$.
 - Video game exp: 5.8 ± 1.5 hrs/mo.

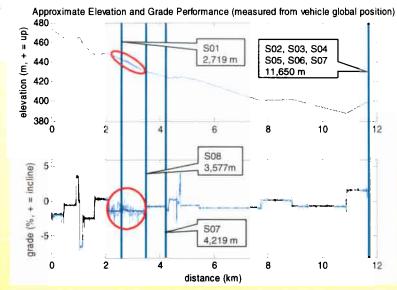


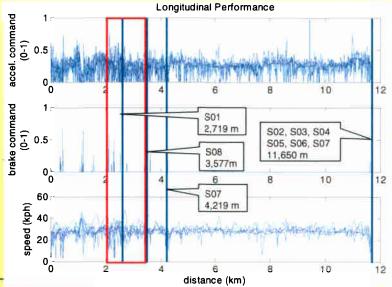


DCE1 Results: Duty cycle

- 6 subjects completed
- 3 ended early computer crash
- No significant simulator sickness





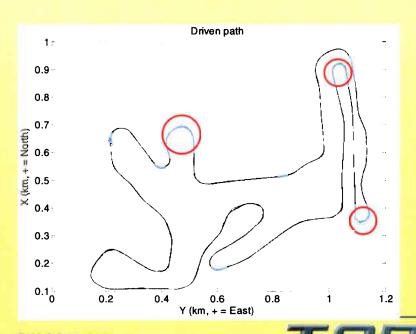


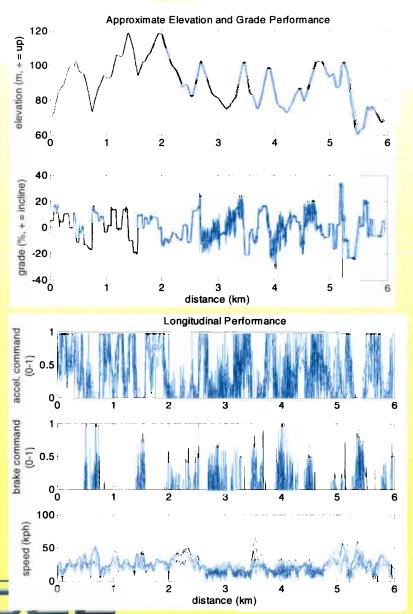


DCE1.1 Results: Duty cycle

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- 7 subjects completed
- Lap times
 - -14.2 22.4 minutes
- Turns divergence

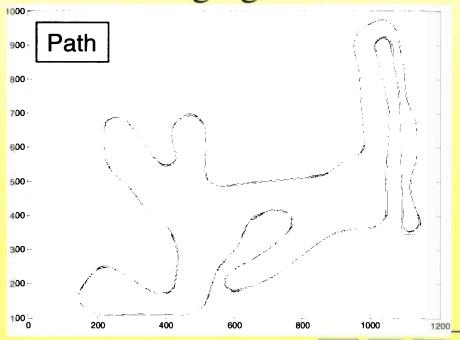


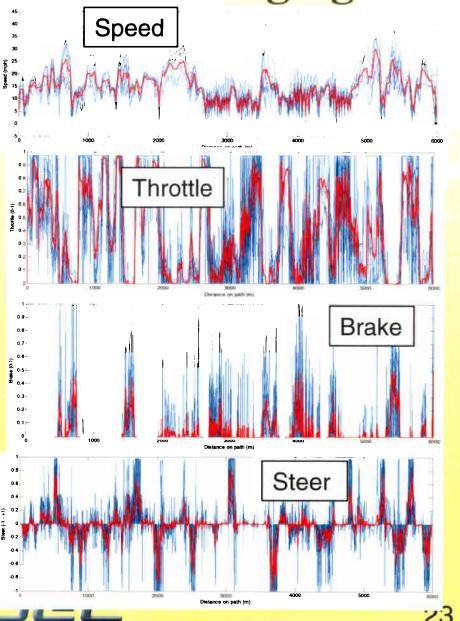




DCE1.1 Results: Path Averaging

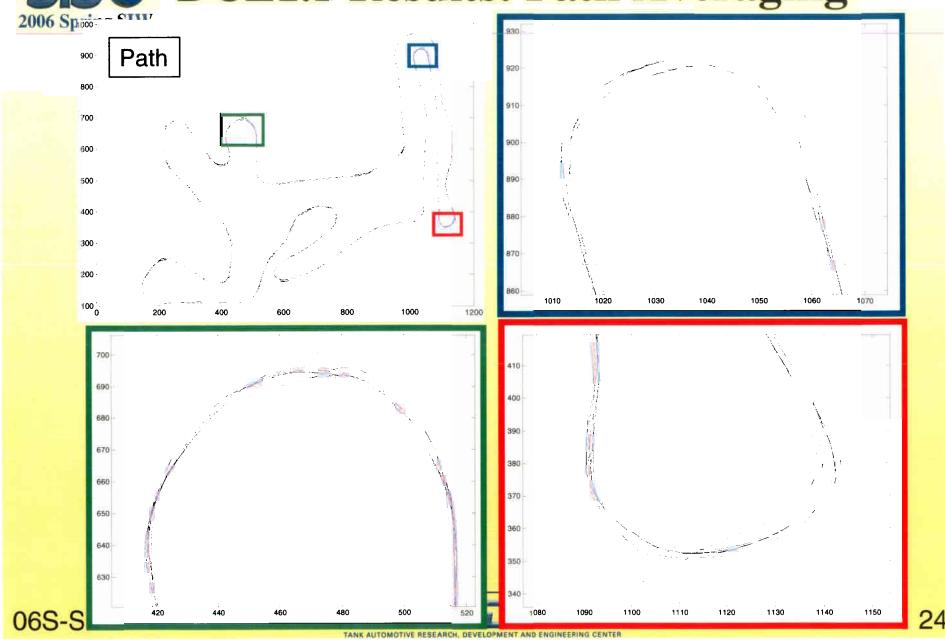
- Find average path
- Synchronize data at each point.
- 2m averaging







DCE1.1 Results: Path Averaging





Conclusions

- Two duty cycles were recorded.
 - Battle scenario with driving and defensive systems.
 - Power train evaluation course.
- Motion base simulation affects how a vehicle is operated.
- A scenario may be extracted from a force-onforce simulation and executed at a higher resolution.

